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POSITION OF PRESIDENT BRAZILIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (CNPQ) RE TRIPARTITE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN NASA/ INPE/BMFT NOTED. LAUNCH WINDOW IN OCTOBER IS KEYED TO OCCURRENCE OF SPECIFIC NATURAL PHENOMENA, THE AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AND BRAZILIAN RANGE CONSIDERATIONS. BECAUSE OF THIS, PROJECT WILL HAVE TO BE POSTPONED ONE YEAR OR CANCELLED, EITHER OF WHICH WILL ENTAIL CONSIDERABLE USG FINANCIAL LOSS IF LAUNCHINGS CANNOT TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER.

IN VIEW OF THIS WOULD APPRECIATE REPRESENTATIONS TO CNPQ CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF COMPLETING INTERNAL GOB PROCESSING IN ORDER TO PERMIT SHIPPING OF LAUNCH VEHICLE TO RANGE ABOUT 1 OCTOBER. IN ANTICIPATION OF EARLY RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER NASA MAILING FINAL VERSION OF MOU TO INPE.

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AS BACKGROUND FOR CONGEN DISCUSSION WITH CNPQ, NASA POINTS OUT THAT PROPOSED AGREEMENT REPRESENTS NO NEW DEPARTURE EITHER PROCEDURALLY OR SUBSTANTIVELY, LIES WITHIN MAINSTREAM OF AGREED INPE/NASA PROJECTS OVER LAST EIGHT YEARS, AND IS CONSISTENT WITH PAST GERMAN PROJECTS (E.G. LAUNCHINGS AT BARRIERA DO INFERNO IN JUNE, 1967, DECEMBER, 1968, JANUARY, 1970, DECEMBER, 1971, MARCH, 1972, AND FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR). RUSH

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